

## **Dental Assistant Certification**

The Colorado State Board of Dental Examiners does not license, certify, or register dental assistants. Therefore, dental assistants are not required to be licensed, certified, or registered in order to practice as a dental assistant in the state of Colorado. However, please note that section 12-35-128 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) does detail specific tasks authorized to be performed by dental assistants in this state. For more information on these specific tasks, please click on the following link in order to access the Dental Practice Law of Colorado and then scroll down to section 12-35-128: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/dental/Statute.pdf>.

If you are still interested in exam or certification information for dental assistants please contact DANB (Dental Assisting National Board) at [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org) for assistance in those processes. Another resource is the Colorado Dental Assistants Association. You may reach Annamaria Phillips directly at 303-507-7179 or [aphillips@sitestar.net](mailto:aphillips@sitestar.net) or Amy Reed at [amy.reed@ppcc.edu](mailto:amy.reed@ppcc.edu).

## **Requirements for Ionizing Radiation**

Dental assistants who expose patients to ionizing radiation must do so in adherence to the requirements, including education and training, outlined in Board Rule X. Minimum Standards for Qualifications, Training and Education for Unlicensed Personnel Exposing Patients to Ionizing Radiation. In order to access these requirements, please click on the following link to the Rules and Regulations, and then click on the hyper link to Rule X: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/dental/Rules.pdf>.

## **Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Inhalation Requirements**

As outlined in Rule XIV.G, a dentist may delegate under direct supervision the monitoring and administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation to appropriately trained dental assistants, but the supervising dentist is ultimately held responsible for ensuring that training is appropriate and for any outcomes related to the monitoring and administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation by dental assistant under his/her employment. Please review section G of Rule XIV in its entirety for more information on these requirements by clicking on the following link to the Rules and Regulations, then click on the hyper link to Rule XIV, and then scroll down to section G: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/dental/Rules.pdf>.